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with different thoughts, different feelings. I understand that the debate that we're having right now is not about the repeal of the death penalty, but we are all well aware that that's the ultimate goal. I'm going to tell you a story of something that > happened to me on the 31st of March, 1985. It was a Saturday morning, very cold, a blizzard, as a matter of fact. I had two small children. My husband was not at home. He was feeding cattle. Got a call from a friend of mine and they said, is your maiden name Seefeld and I said, yes, it is. And he said, well, I'm not real sure what has happened, but I have a police scanner and I just heard on the police scanner that there was a Phil Seefeld involved in a shooting; is that any relation? And I said, yes, it's my brother. And he said, well, I'm sorry to have to call you, because I don't know any more details than Of course, I immediately got on the phone, called the They wouldn't tell me anything, but they knew Lincoln Police. exactly where I lived. They knew my phone number when I called They knew the background. I called the sheriff's department. They wouldn't tell me anything. It took all and here I was alone at home with two small children, my husband not there. Finally, about five o'clock in the afternoon, we got call, after my husband got home. We finally were able to get some information. My brother, as well as another individual, had been murdered in Lincoln, Nebraska. The person that perpetrated the murder then killed himself. Now, why do I tell Just to show you that we come to this you all of this? situation with different backgrounds, different experiences. expect that this bill is going to pass. It will do so without my vote. I, too, did a poll on the repeal of the death penalty. I understand that's not what this bill is about. 3,000 surveys. I had 876 back, which is a pretty good percentage of returns. Ninety-one percent of the people that responded were in favor of the death penalty. Now, sure, you say I could have asked the question in such a way that this is the answer I would have gotten. I don't know, perhaps I did, but at least the people in my district at that time thought that because of the circumstances involved there should be a death Now I can't understand being in the shoes of a poor, penalty. black urban man. I'm totally on the opposite side of that. I'm white, I'm female and I'm rural. We are told that crimes with the same or ...